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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Tsuneo TAKAHASHI et al.
Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

RECEPTOR PROTEIN AND METHOD
FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF AN
INFLAMMATORY DISEASE BY
USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified applica-
tion as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 8 as follows:

Sub C(3) --8. (amended) A replicable recombinant DNA,
comprising a replicable expression vector and, operably
inserted therein, the isolated DNA according to one of claims
3 to 6.--

Amend claim 11 as follows:

--11. (amended) A method for screening a ligand
which binds to the seven-pass transmembrane receptor protein
of claim 1, which comprises:

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